

ABSTRACT

Narrative structure and a free-form database to support biological storytelling. An interactive software system provides a framework, methodology, and tools for organizing information during speculative phases of research using a narrative structure. The system provides interactive tools and techniques for organizing, sharing, and using diverse information at multiple levels of abstraction through coordinated multiple-view visualization in the process of hypothesis formation. Items are created or imported through an item manager and can be grouped into collections using a collection manager. Items and collections are combined in a narrative structure through pathway and story editors. Annotation and collaboration are supported.

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